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ISABELLA COUNTY REASONABLE PARENTING TIME POLICY

The non-custodial parent shall have reasonable rights of parenting time. Reasonable parenting time includes any arrangements agreed upon between the parties. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement, then the following schedule will be implemented:

FROM BIRTH UNTIL THE CHILD'S FIRST (1ST) BIRTHDAY

The non-custodial parent shall have two (2) times per week for three (3) hours each, and three (3) times per month for six hours each. If the parents cannot agree, the times shall be Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., and the first three (3) Saturdays of each month from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m.

FROM THE CHILD'S FIRST (1ST) BIRTHDAY UNTIL THE CHILD'S THIRD (3RD) BIRTHDAY

WEEK TO WEEK

- 1. Every other weekend:** The non-custodial parent shall have every other weekend from Saturday at 10:00 a.m. until Sunday at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. Mid-week:** The non-custodial parent shall have one (1) mid-week parenting time each week for four (4) hours. The child(ren) must be returned to the custodial home no later than 8:00 p.m. If the parties are unable to agree otherwise, mid-week parenting time shall be on Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. If the non-custodial parent cannot arrange to pick up the child(ren) at 4:00 p.m., then the non-custodial parent shall identify an alternative pick-up time which shall remain consistent from week to week.

Whenever a more specific holiday parenting time is specified, it shall take precedence over week-to-week parenting time. When the holiday schedule concludes, the every-other weekend schedule shall resume according to the pre-existing plan as if it had not been interrupted.

SUMMER BREAK

- 1. From age one (1) to age two (2):** The non-custodial parent shall have one (1) week between June 1st and August 31st.

Summer parenting time can be taken in any manner selected by the non-custodial parent, but not less than one week at a time. A summer parenting time schedule shall be submitted in writing to the custodial parent by May 1st of each year. If the custodial parent has special plans (i.e. family reunions, weddings, etc.) he or she shall notify the non-custodial parent in writing by April 15th of each year, and request the non-custodial parent work around those dates. However, summer parenting time is the non-custodial parent's choice.

- 2. From age two (2) to age three (3):** The non-custodial parent shall have two (2) non-consecutive weeks between June 1st and August 31st.

Summer parenting time can be taken in any manner selected by the non-custodial parent, but not less than one week at a time. A summer parenting time schedule shall be submitted in writing to the custodial parent by May 1st of each year. If the custodial parent has special plans (i.e. family reunions, weddings, etc.) he or she shall notify the non-custodial parent in writing by April 15th of each year, and request the non-custodial parent work around those dates. However, summer parenting time is the non-custodial parent's choice.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

During even numbered years the Mother shall have from December 23rd at 6:00 p.m. until December 24th at 8:00 p.m., and the Father shall have from December 24th at 8:00 p.m. until December 25th at 6:00 p.m.

During odd numbered years the Father shall have from December 23rd at 6:00 p.m. until December 24th at 8:00 p.m., and the Mother shall have from December 24th at 8:00 p.m. until December 25th at 6:00 p.m.

STARTING ON THE OLDEST CHILD'S THIRD (3RD) BIRTHDAY

The following provisions apply to all children over the age of 24 months starting on the oldest child's third (3rd) birthday, and take precedence over the provisions of the policy for first (1st) birthday through third (3rd) birthday.

WEEK TO WEEK

1. **Every other weekend:** The non-custodial parent shall have every other weekend from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Mid-week:** The non-custodial parent shall have one (1) mid-week parenting time each week during the school year for four (4) hours. The child(ren) must be returned to the custodial home no later than 8:00 p.m. If the parties are unable to agree otherwise, mid-week parenting time shall be on Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. If the non-custodial parent shall identify an alternative pick-up time which shall remain consistent from week to week.

Whenever a more specific holiday parenting time is specified, it shall take precedence over week-to-week parenting time. When the holiday schedule concludes, the every-other weekend schedule shall resume according to the pre-existing plan as if it had not been interrupted.

SPRING BREAK

When the oldest child begins kindergarten, during even numbered years the Father shall have spring break, and during odd numbered years the Mother shall have spring break. Spring break parenting time shall be from 6:00 p.m. the Sunday following the last day of school until 6:00 p.m. the following Friday before school resumes. Mid-week parenting time is suspended during spring break.

SUMMER BREAK

From the child's third (3rd) birthday until the child starts kindergarten, the non-custodial parent shall have four (4) non-consecutive weeks between June 1st and August 31st.

When the child starts kindergarten, the non-custodial parent shall have six (6) weeks of the child's summer break.

Summer parenting time can be taken in any manner selected by the non-custodial parent, but not less than one week at a time. A summer parenting time schedule shall be submitted in writing to the custodial parent by May 1st of each year. If the custodial parent has special plans (i.e. family reunions, weddings, etc.) he or she shall notify the non-custodial parent in writing by April 15th of each year, and request the non-custodial parent work around those dates. However, summer parenting time is the non-custodial parent's choice.

Every other weekend parenting time shall remain in place for both parents throughout the child(ren)'s summer break. Mid-week parenting time is suspended for the child(ren)'s summer break.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

During odd numbered years, the Father shall have from 6:00 p.m. the last day of school until 12:00 noon on Christmas Day, and the Mother shall have from 12:00 noon on Christmas Day until January 1st at 6:00 p.m. During even numbered years, the Mother shall have from 6:00 p.m. the last day of school until 12:00 noon on Christmas Day, and the Father shall have 12:00 noon on Christmas Day until January 1st at 6:00 p.m. Week-to-week parenting time shall resume on January 1st at 6:00 p.m. Mid-week parenting time is suspended during Christmas Break.

HOLIDAYS

Easter, Memorial Day, Labor Day: Easter, Memorial Day, and Labor Day shall be part of the weekend for whichever parent has the child(ren) that weekend. Easter, Memorial Day, and Labor Day parenting time shall conclude at the 6:00 p.m. on the holiday.

Mother's Day/ Father's Day: The Father shall have Father's Day from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., and the Mother shall have Mother's Day from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

July 4th: The Father shall have July 4th during even years and the Mother shall have July 4th during odd years. Parenting time for July 4th shall be from 9:00 a.m. on July 4th until 9:00 a.m. on July 5th. If July 4th is a Thursday and the same parent has the adjoining weekend, parenting time shall be from Thursday at 9:00 a.m. until Sunday at 6:00 p.m. If July 4th is a Monday and the same parent has the adjoining weekend, parenting time shall be from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

Halloween and the child(ren)'s birthdays: The Father shall have the child(ren) for Halloween and the child(ren)'s birthdays during odd years and the Mother shall have the child(ren) for Halloween and the child(ren)'s birthdays during even years. Parenting time for Halloween and the child(ren)'s birthdays shall be from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving: The Father shall have the child(ren) for Thanksgiving during odd years and the Mother shall have the child(ren) for Thanksgiving during even years. Parenting time for Thanksgiving shall be from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday until 6:00 p.m. Friday.

	EVEN YEARS	ODD YEARS
FATHER	Spring Break July 4 th Second part of Christmas break	Child(ren)'s birthday Halloween Thanksgiving First part of Christmas break
MOTHER	Child(ren)'s birthday Halloween Thanksgiving First part of Christmas break	Spring break July 4 th Second part of Christmas break

TRANSPORTATION

The responsibility for transporting the child(ren) to and from parenting time (weekends, holidays, breaks, and summers) will be shared by both parents. The non-custodial parent will pick up the child(ren) at the child(ren)'s home at the specified time for pick-up. The custodial parent will pick up the child(ren) at the end of parenting time to return the child(ren) to the custodial home.

When parenting times does not include an overnight, the parent exercising parenting time shall be responsible for all transportation.

MISCELLANEOUS

A thirty-minute delay in pick up and drop off of child(ren) shall be allowed for unforeseen circumstances only.